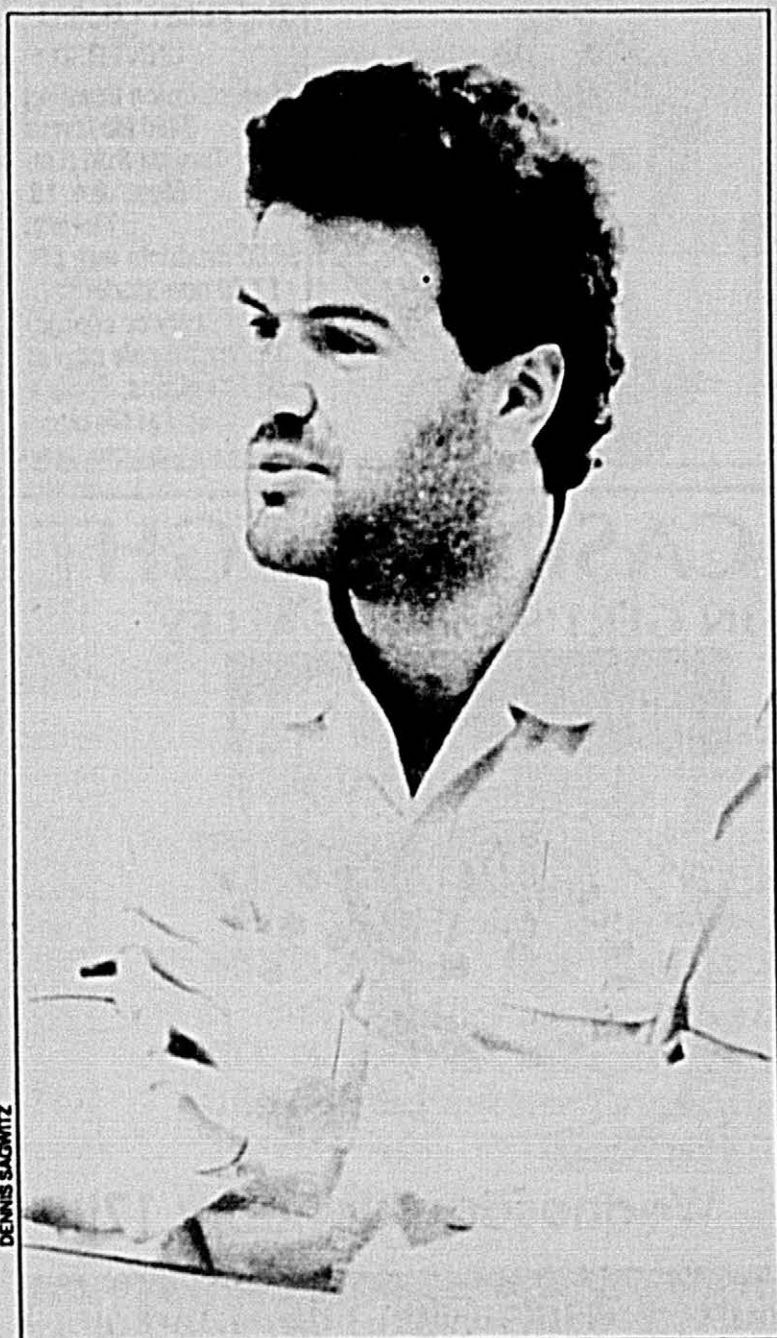




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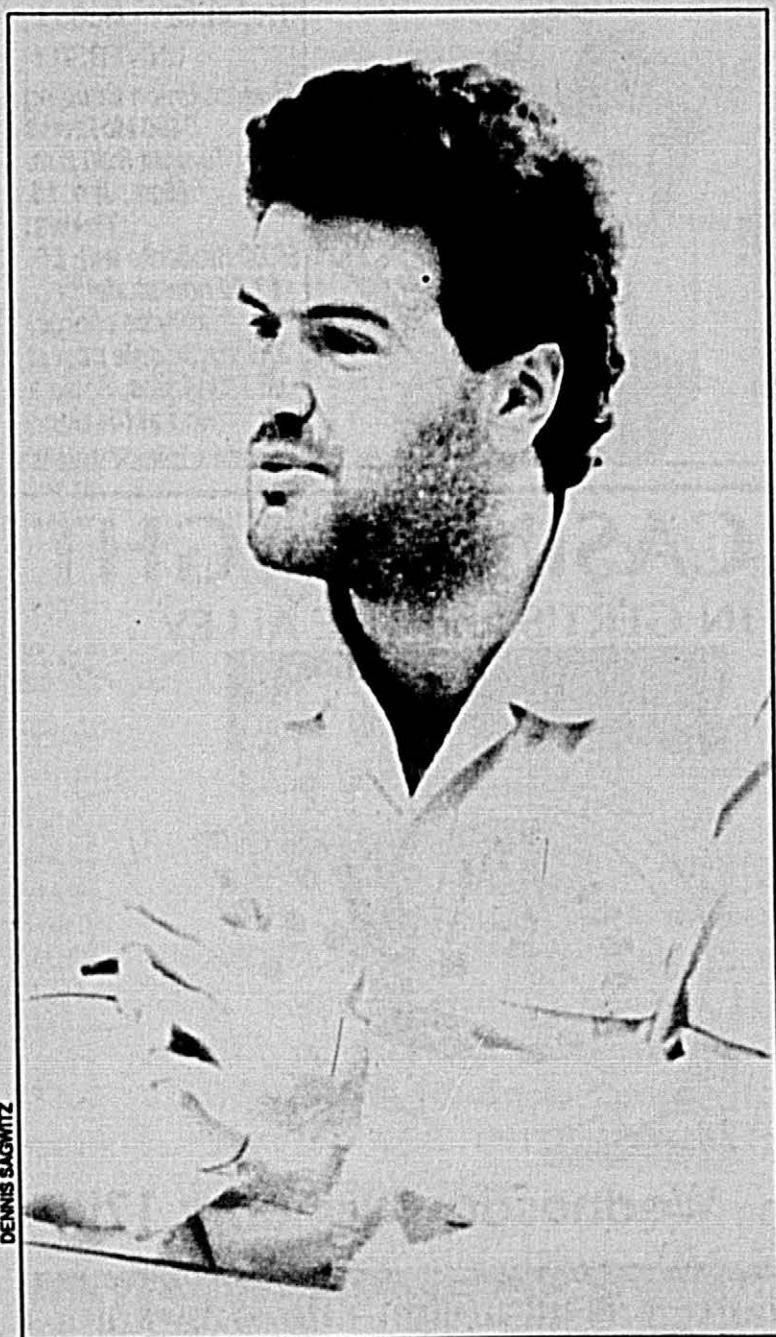
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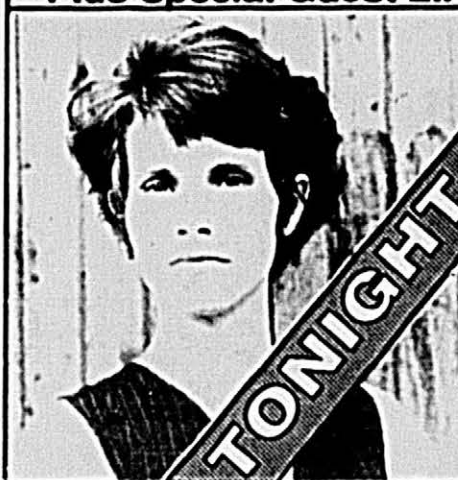
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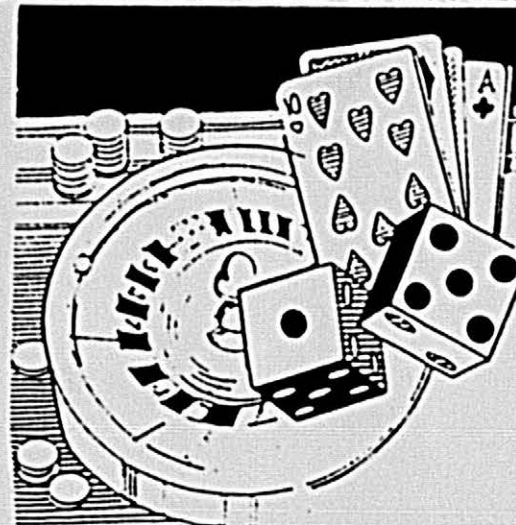
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Those who need it most don't get it Welfare law bashes students

by Andy Riga

MONTREAL (CUP) — Last September, when Danielle Perrault returned to school after four years, she thought she had been on welfare for the last time.

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rault brought the government to court in December. The judge ruled against her, and the case is now under appeal.

With no money in the bank, two months back rent due, and Hydro and Bell threatening to cut her service, Perrault applied to the welfare department to be considered a special case. Her application was refused.

Under Quebec's old welfare law, she could have claimed "complete destitution," but under the new law Perrault has no choice — either she drop her courses or she does not get

welfare.

"They say I owe them too much to get loans and bursaries, but I can't get welfare because I'm a full-time student," Perrault said. "If I go to school full time, I'll finish in a year and a half; it will take four years if I continue taking one course at a time."

"One year's bursary is the equivalent of one year's welfare," she said. "So why not give me the bursary and let me study?"

Although he didn't know the details of the case, Jean-Louis Morgan, an official with the Ministry of Labour and Income Security, said decisions on "extreme cases" such as Perrault's are dealt with on an individual basis.

"The law is applied very strictly, but there is no clear definition of 'complete destitution,'" Morgan said. "It is left to the discretion of district offices."

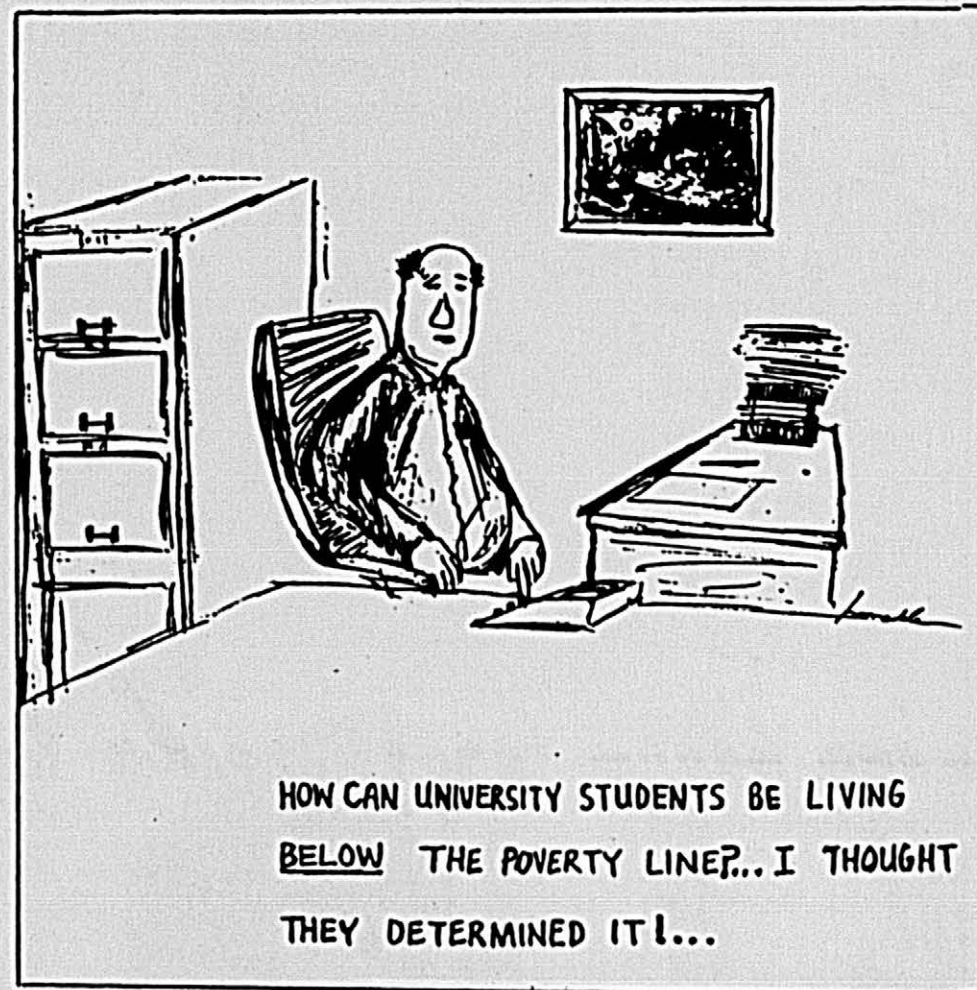
"It was brought before the courts and she lost. Now it is under appeal, and we'll wait to see what happens," Morgan said he didn't know if the new law made it more difficult for students to get welfare.

Perrault's case has attracted the attention of the Front commun des personnes assistées sociales du Québec, a coalition fighting the new law. Jean-Yves Desgagnés, a member of the coalition, said Perrault is not being treated fairly.

"Under the old law, Danielle Perrault could have gotten welfare while she was studying," Desgagnés said. "The new law has made it almost impossible for a student in need to get welfare."

"It doesn't make sense. They're asking people to decide between welfare and school. Hundreds of students will be affected."

The new law is criticized by community groups who say it recreates poverty. Under the new law, some welfare recipients are forced to do up to 20 hours of community work, or lose part of their benefits. The new law also makes it more difficult for those under 20 to get welfare. It also cuts the funds



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Those fighting the law point to alarming statistics about the poverty rate in Quebec. According to a report released last year by the Canadian Council on Social Development, Quebec is Canada's second poorest province. About 23.6 per cent of the province's households lived below the poverty line in 1987.

But the government says the new law is necessary to weed out gratuitous handouts to people who don't really need the system.

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Morgan said. "We realize that the economic situation is not good but there are just too many people getting welfare and there is not much money for us to give."

"You have to give some bread to the people — otherwise you see what happened in Romania — but we don't have that much money to give away anymore," said Morgan.

According to Desgagnés, Perrault's case illustrates the insensitivity of the welfare law. "It's obvious that the objective of this law is to reduce the number of people getting welfare, no matter what affect it has on people — it doesn't matter to the government if they get thrown out on the street, drop out of school or commit suicide."

Perrault, who registered for only two courses this semester, applied for welfare again January 3, and is now awaiting her first

check. The appeal decision is expected in March.

"Welfare should be there to help people reintegrate. They are doing exactly the opposite with me. I don't want to sit at home and do nothing while getting welfare. I want to go to school so I can get a job in my field."

Critics charge the new law is creating a pool of cheap labour at the mercy of abusive employers—welfare recipients are forced to work for low pay in areas unrelated to their careers.

Jeff Begley, an executive of ANEEQ, Quebec's largest student federation, agreed the new law hurts students.

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ANEEQ, which is now organizing a province-wide strike to oppose Quebec's first tuition fee increase in 20 years, also supports the fight against the new welfare law.

Begley said the reforms are part of a trend towards cutbacks in social programs by the Liberal government of Robert Bourassa.

"It's pretty obvious the welfare law reform is part of the Liberal government's larger plan to cut back in social spending. Look at the cuts in health and social services, the overflowing hospital emergency rooms, drastic cuts in welfare spending, and now the hike in tuition fees in Quebec."

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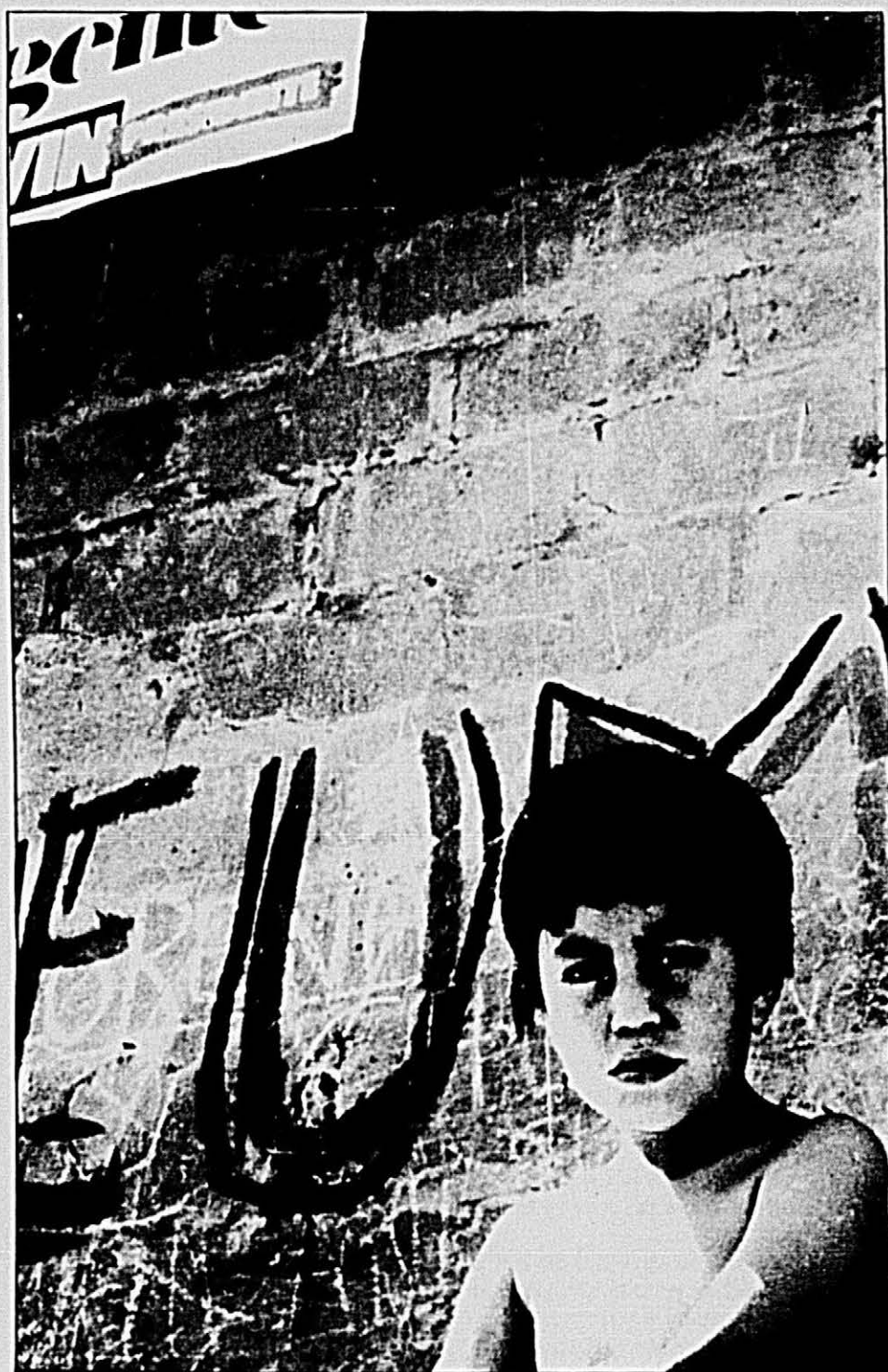
For her part, Perrault is anxious to get back to school to finish her degree.

"Last semester I spent most of my time running around pursuing this — in court, with my lawyer, with the media — and I still managed to get an 'A' in every course. I think that says something about my determination to graduate."



Education minister Claude "The Chin" Ryan shows some teeth

BEGINNING AN ERA



The children of Chile: what awaits them?

17 parties support Pinochet's defeat

In 1973, socialist Salvador Allende, the first democratically elected Marxist president in the world, was assassinated during a coup d'état lead by General Pinochet and supported by the CIA.

Between 1973 and 1978, at least 10 000 people labelled "communists" or oppositionals were murdered. Pinochet's goal, "to exterminate the Marxist cancer from the country," meant a neo-liberal economy, flourishing at the beginning of the '80's, quickly floundered, leaving local industry destitute, the country impoverished.

Given this history, the people of Chile might have thought they wouldn't see popular elections again.

The December elections were preceded by a huge political campaign. The streets of Santiago and other large cities were plastered with political slogans and posters. Television and radio debates, an unprecedented phenomenon in Pinochet's Chile, were now common to the nation democracy forgot.

There were three candidates. Pinochet had lost the right of candidacy after losing the 1988 referendum, so he asked his former minister of economy, Hernan Buchi, to represent him. Buchi, considered a brilliant economist, obtained the support of the most extreme Chilean right, and won 29.4 per cent of the popular vote.

Meanwhile, 17 opposition parties agreed to present a single candidate, to ensure the end of the era of Pinochet — Christian Democrat Patricio Aylwin. He had the support of parties as diverse as the Communist, the Socialist, the Christian Democratic, and factions of the conservative National Party. He won 55.2 per cent of the vote.

Last was the center-right independent, the successful businessman Francisco Errazuriz, who received economic support from Pinochet during his presidential campaign. He garnered 15.6 per cent of the vote.

Last December, in the first democratic election after 16 years of despotic rule, the people of Chile elected a new President.

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"I will be the President of all Chileans, without hate and with faith in the future," said the Christian Democrat Aylwin, who in 1973 supported the coup d'état which brought General Augusto Pinochet to power.

Aylwin takes up the reins of government March 11, and most are skeptical about what he can accomplish after so many years of iron-fist dictatorship under Augusto Pinochet.

by Pablo Garrido

In 1980, Pinochet held a referendum to "legalize" his government, classified by international observers as fraud. His constitution was officially adopted, giving Pinochet power for eight more years, when another referendum to maintain his rule would be held.

In 1983, massive demonstrations against Pinochet, brutally repressed by the police, were taken up throughout the country. And in 1988, Chile said no to Pinochet.

But losing the 1988 referendum didn't stop Pinochet from attempting to maintain

control of the next government. He secured his position as commander-in-chief of the army for the indefinite future, and began a campaign of privatization of national industries. Intent on limiting the next government, he has privatized basic natural resources, such as electricity and communications, making the economy harder to control.

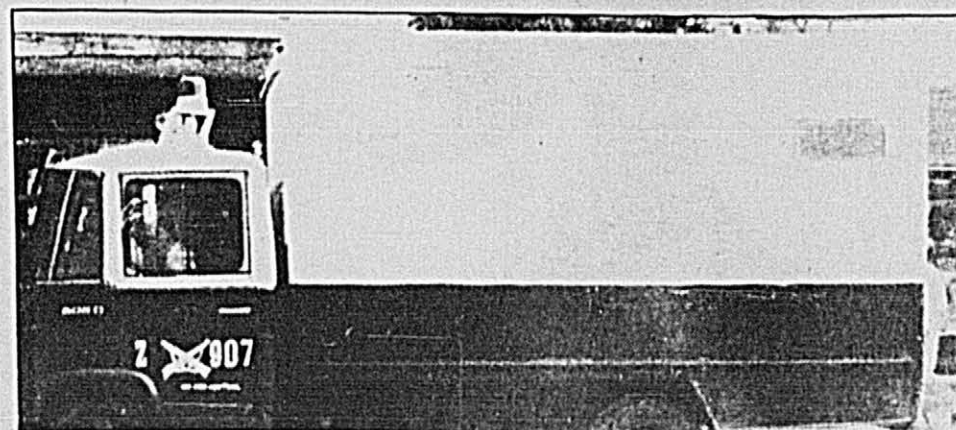
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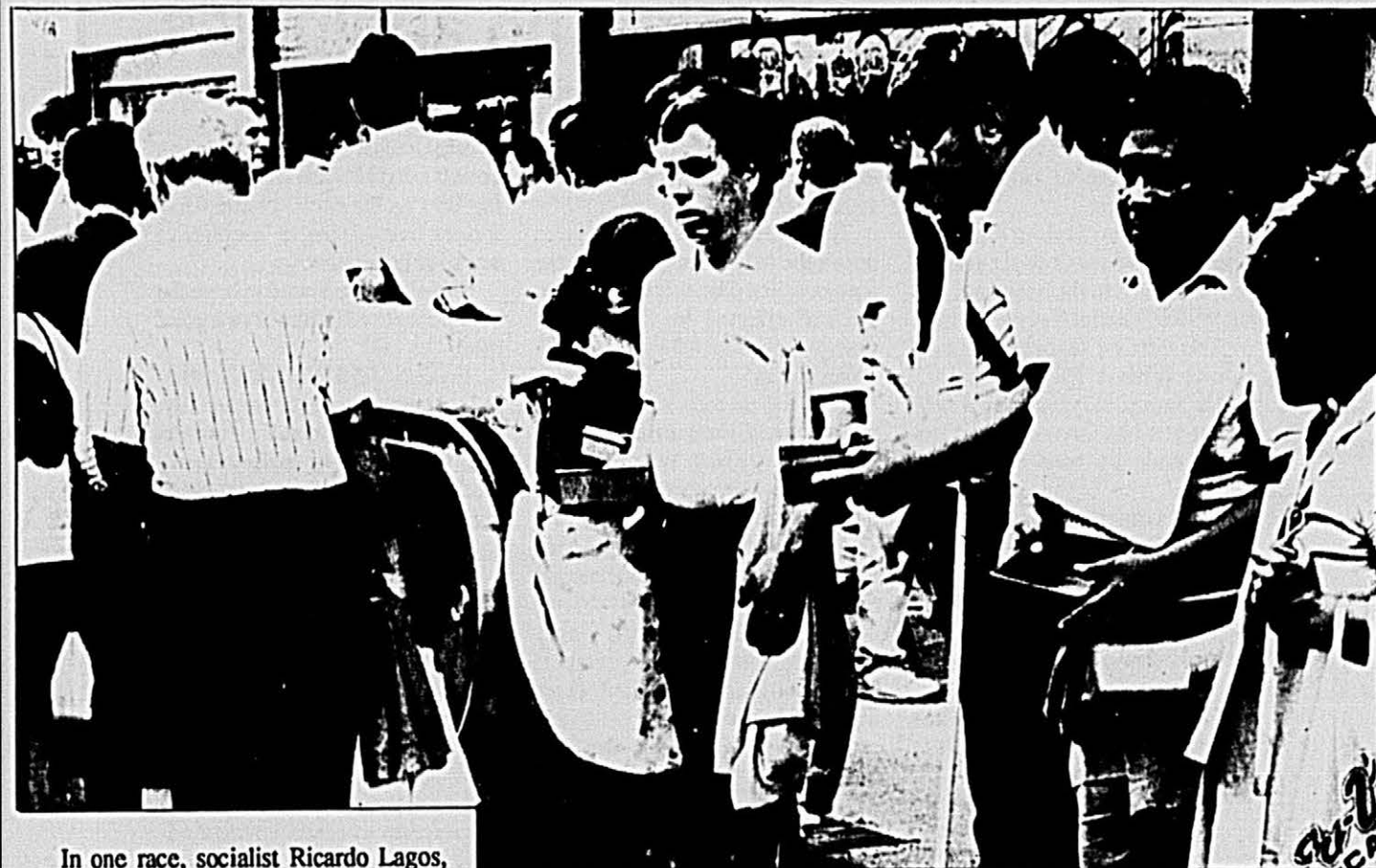
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New Chilean President Patricio Aylwin



"The butcher" — police use it as a mobile torture chamber



Panhandlers fill the streets of downtown Santiago

In one race, socialist Ricardo Lagos, with 430 000 votes, was not elected senator while his opponent, the officialist Jaime Guzman was elected with only 260 000. Under Pinochet's election law, the only way Lagos could have been elected was if the votes obtained by the leftist slate had doubled Guzman's list.

Limited Political Reform

Any real political reform will be almost impossible to implement with a minority in the Senate. It will be tough for the new government if it tries to sort out the thousands of cases of human rights violations under Pinochet.

Indeed, Pinochet, with the help of his Senate supporters, is at the moment trying to pass a law which would excuse all members of the armed forces involved in the brutal repression of civilians over the last few years. Leaders of those parties left out of the Senate, the Communist and Socialist parties, say now their main role is to put pressure on the next government to find a solution to all cases of tortured, assassinated, and missing people.

"The historical circumstances which have led to the triumph of democracy in Chile," said Clodomiro Almeyda, president of the reunified Socialist Party, "were the popular demands for freedom, bread and justice, demands the leftist parties always helped to express. It is now our role to support the elected government, without forgetting these demands."

Observers say Pinochet supporters are waiting expectantly for the 1994 elections. In fact, rumors of alliances between the two main rightist parties circulate in Santiago. In the meantime, their power is centered in the Senate. Aylwin's power is centred in the populace.

Popular Hope

Aylwin's government supporters share a feeling that exists among the 17 parties of the coalition: the success of the next government is the people's responsibility, and no action should be taken that threatens its success.

"We have a lot of faith. We have been waiting for 16 years for this, and now it has come. We know though, that it will not be

easy, we must be patient, and not push the government too much," said a group of women from Villa O'Higgins, a very poor district in Santiago.

"I am happy with the changes," said a policeman guarding the "flame of liberty" across La Moneda, the presidential palace. "Not because of the political stuff, we don't talk about politics, but because I just hope that all this will mean that we will have less to do. You know, with the protests and all that."

Not a man of extravagant promises, Aylwin has said that one of his main goals is to reduce the over-25 per cent unemployment rate.

Increasing exports, mainly fruit, and selling off local industries to foreign multinationals are economic policies slated to continue. Neither measure helps the small producer or the general population, though Chile's Gross National Income has improved. In fact, the class-gap has rapidly increased.

Last year cyanide was found in some boxes of Chilean grapes exported to the U.S. Chilean fruit exports were cut for the rest of the season, and many farmers went bankrupt. When it was discovered the grapes were contaminated outside Chile, the large export companies were compensated — and farmers were left out in the cold.

Limited future

The dictatorship is not finished yet. Pinochet still heads the army, and although the possibility of another coup d'etat has been regarded by observers as unlikely, it is possible.

On one side a people with faith, but also with a hunger for justice; and on the other a dictator claiming "nobody will touch my men." But so far, people in Chile have been able to produce changes. Probably Aylwin's government will not make all the changes the people expect from him, but at least, if he does not change his mind halfway through his term, he will initiate the chain of long-awaited changes.



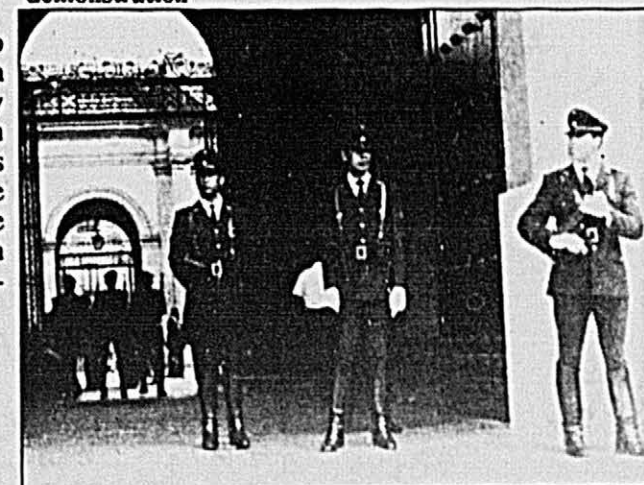
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Sexist ad man makes no apologies

MONTREAL (CUP)—Molson beer ads have been condemned by a Vancouver watchdog group for ignoring advertising industry standards on sexism.

The ads for Molson Canadian beer show women in a sexual context unrelated to the beer, said MediaWatch founder Sylvia Spring.

The first ad features the song "Devil With A Blue Dress On," and a group of young men who gather at a bar. One of them eventually ends up with two young women.

"The camera angles are very telling," Spring said. "When they photograph the women, the camera focuses on the upper body. They start from the legs, and then (pan) upwards slowly—definitely a male gaze."

"The women wear tight t-shirts and one wears hersuspenders backwards, to emphasize her breasts."

The ad was produced in Toronto by the McLaren-Lintas advertising agency.

Neil McGregor, vice-president of Creative Services for McLaren-Lintas, said MediaWatch finds these messages offensive because they seek them out.

"The point is, you see what you want to," he said. "If you're looking for sexual innuendo, you're going to find it." McGregor said the Molson Canadian ads are marketed for males aged 18-24.

"We're appealing to how these

males want to view themselves," he said. "I don't think we're going beyond the physical. We're playing on male weakness more than female stereotyping."

But Spring said young males aren't the only ones who see these commercials. She said that women are still affected by the ads, although they are not the advertiser's target group.

"All the women in the ads are young, white, beautiful and provocatively dressed. Young women are told this is the way they must act to get a man," she said.

McGregor insists that avid beer consumers don't dwell on sexual equality.

"Ninety percent of my target group get their primary inspiration between their knees and their nipples," he said.

"I am playing upon the less positive attributes of females, but I have to put my personal feelings aside when I'm addressing the great unwashed. To them, the most at-

tractive qualities about a woman are her measurements."

McGregor said regulation boards keep Molson from portraying beer as the social centerpiece, forcing companies to emphasize sex as selling point.

"You're not allowed to have the beer being the facilitator of a good time," he said.

He also said Molson's advertising schemes almost guarantee high beer sales. "We found a formula that fortunately or unfortunately works. We're picking up an existing stereotype we did not create."

But MediaWatch disagrees.

"The industry is pretending to say that they don't create (the stereotype), they only respond to it. You create it by reinforcing it," Spring said.

Although MediaWatch is not calling for a boycott of Molson beer, Spring said the group will continue pressuring the Molson Corporation to clean up their advertising schemes.

Scholarships honour victims

by Andrea Holtslander

SASKATOON (CUP)—The University of Saskatchewan students' council wants scholarships set up for women studying in non-traditional faculties, in the wake of last month's Université de Montréal massacre.

"It is (the council's) feeling that we must attempt to do more than simply mourn the tragic situation that has come about," said council vice-president Andrew Thomson.

"We must attempt to establish a positive, pro-active response that will hopefully work to prevent such events in the future by furthering the promotion of true equality between the sexes," he said.

The council is calling for 14 scholarships for women entering the U of S in faculties such as engineering, graduate studies and

agriculture, where most students are men.

All told, the province should devote \$20,000 to the scholarships, Thomson said.

"I hope the government realizes it's a positive initiative," he said. "Considering what (the scholarships) promote, it's a small amount."

Normally gender-specific scholarships are unacceptable to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, but the commission has given the USSU permission to pursue the scholarships.

St. Mary's University has set up a similar fund without government involvement.

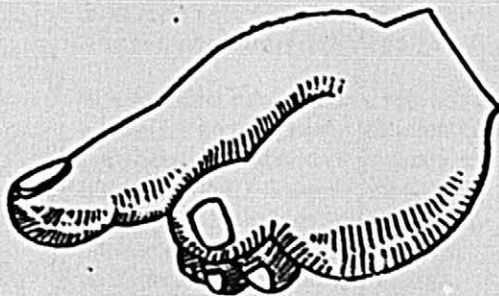
Thomson doesn't want criteria for the scholarships based solely on marks. "I want it targeted to individuals who have made a difference in their community."

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Maybe that's acceptable.

But are the other implications of the Mulroney government's cuts to Via Rail also acceptable?

Protests against the cuts took place in at least 19 cities across Canada yesterday. The sleeping giant batted an eyelash and the annoying flies buzzed off. Legal challenges by Greenpeace, Via workers and provincial and municipal governments being heard in Federal Court this week are not much more likely to take the steam out of the engines of the state.

Rather than make the improvements in efficiency railway officials have been wanting for decades, the government is going to tear the whole system down. Meanwhile, millions of dollars will pour annually from the public purse into airports and highways — the "non-subsidized" modes of transport.

The environmental superiority of trains to cars, buses and planes need not be reiterated. It's obvious. Yet the decision to cut Via services was taken without concern for the biosphere. Rather than encouraging people to use less-polluting mass transit, Mulroney and company plan to deprive us of the opportunity.

In the end, the only passenger trains in Canada will be ultra-luxurious, high-speed trains in Central Canada, run by private enterprise for the sake of the profit margin. Perhaps there will be a posh trip available to sight-see through the Rockies. But most Canadians born in the 1990s may never see the interior of a train.

Why would the government do something so plainly stupid?

Because businessmen don't need trains. The wealthy don't need trains. Planes are much faster and more convenient, as is a private limousine. Brian Mulroney doesn't need trains. And neither do his friends in Corporate North America.

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Anyone who knows that Voyageur and Greyhound buses are uncomfortable, unreliable, only slightly cheaper than trains and not much more environmentally sound than cars — they take trains. And so do people who want to see the country they live in, or relax and read, or meet fellow travellers.

These people aren't among Brian Mulroney and Michael Wilson's friends. They are a bit too human for our leaders' tastes. They don't balance budgets in their dreams. They don't go to the Rideau club. They don't stomp their consciences into dust somewhere along the path to power.

And they know that the gutting and privatization of the train system, along with education and the rest of Canada's social welfare programmes, is not acceptable at all.

It's not because of history that we should object. It's because of the present, because of the soulless bankers who manage our affairs in boardrooms and cabinet meetings without our consent.

This government doesn't just permit pollution. This government is itself a noxious gas.

carl p wilson iii



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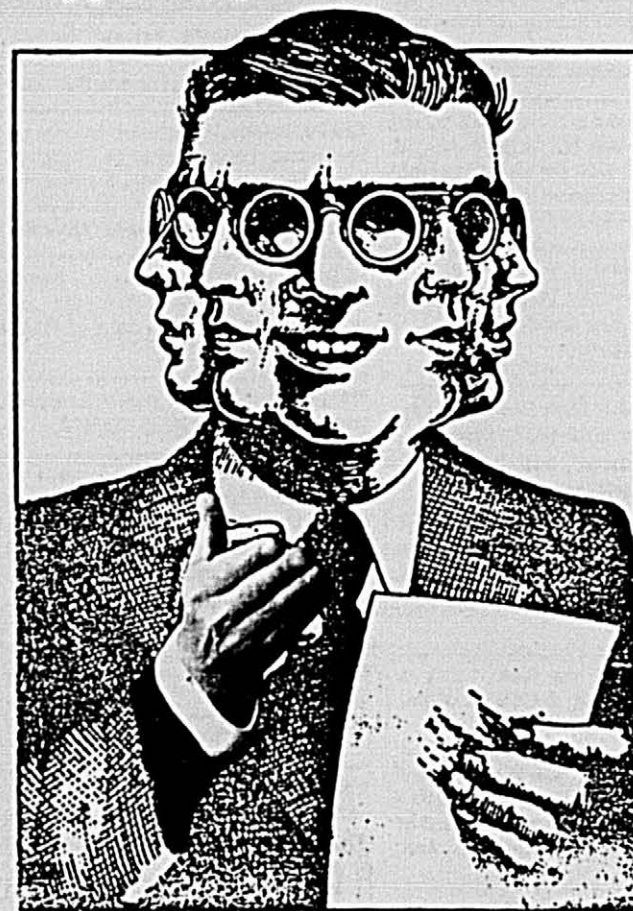
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To the Daily:

The January 12 edition of the *Daily* stated that women who are breast-feeding cannot get pregnant. This is wrong. Women who are breast-feeding can get pregnant. For many years this myth was

believed to be true, which resulted in unwanted/undesired pregnancies. It is unfortunate that many people still believe this to be true. Women who are breast-feeding should use some form of contraception if they do not wish to become pregnant.

Sarah Warland
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